

U. of C. pharmacist arrested

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Seize huge drug, weapons cache

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UNIVERSITY OF Chicago Hospital officials began an investigation today into the arrest of its night pharmacist, whose North Side apartment yielded a huge cache of prescription drugs.

Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs agents also were expected to begin an investigation after Chicago police found thousands of dollars worth of prescription drugs and federally controlled narcotics yesterday in an apartment belonging to the pharmacist, Raymond J. Bean, 39, of 647 W. Deming Pl.

Bean was arrested at 4:20 p. m. yesterday after he sold 100 small packages of morphine sulphate for \$1,000 to two undercover agents of the police C-5 unit.

The agents found the morphine and disposable syringes on the front seat of Bean's car parked near a tavern at 31 W. Division St. Bean was arrested as he walked from

the tavern after completing the deal. He was charged with the sale of narcotics.

POLICE THEN went to the apartment and found thousands of pills, mostly barbiturates and amphetamines, hidden in drawers, cupboards, and under the bed.

Lt. Francis Ward of the C-5 unit said police raided the apartment because Bean earlier had bragged to one of the undercover policemen that he had many more drugs stashed there.

Ward said many of the pill jars were packed in boxes labeled "University of Chicago Medical Clinic." He said the pills could sell for 75 cents to a dollar on the illicit market.

Hospital officials said Bean would neither be suspended nor fired unless its investigation ~~so justified~~ He was the sole pharmacist at night in the dispensary at Billings Hospital, 950 E. 59th St., which distributes drugs to 10 hospitals including Billings,

Chicago Lying-In, and the Wyler Children's Hospital.

POLICE AND hospital officials have not put an exact dollar value on the drugs, pending an inventory.

Bean, who is single, had worked in the dispensary for at least four years, police said.

Bean and his attorney, Alan E. Edelstein, refused to comment after he was released on \$1,500 bond last night. He will appear in Narcotics Court Feb. 15.

Ward said the investigation that led to Bean's arrest began as an offshoot of another investigation into possible police corruption. The C-5 unit specializes in uncovering police corruption, but Ward refused to elaborate on the initial investigation.

Police said they also confiscated a number of guns from the apartment, including six pistols, a sawed-off shotgun, five rifles, and 500 rounds of ammunition.